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REF: AMMAN 1970

1. CAIRO PRESS FEB 8 GIVES UAR VERSION OF HIJACKING EGYPTIAN
MISRAIR PLANE WHICH DIVERTED TO AQABA, JORDAN BY KAMAL RIYAD
HAGGAG FEB 7. AS REPORTED REFTEL, JORDANIAN COMMUNIQUE NOON
FEB 7 CLAIMED PLANE WAS EGYPTIAN AIRFORCE ILYUSHIN AND HAGGAG
WAS EGYPTIAN INTELLIGENCE COLONEL WHO REQUESTED ASYLUM. JORDAN
CIVIL AIR AUTHORITIES REPORTEDLY REFUSED ANSWER QUERIES FROM
CAIRO ABOUT PLANE UNTIL AFTER JORDAN AMBASSADOR SUMMONED BY
FOMINIYAD AT 7:30 LAST NIGHT. PLANE WAS IN FACT CIVILIAN
ANTINOV ENROUTE CAIRO-MURGHADA, AND PASSENGERS ROUTINE TOURISTS

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BOUND FOR RED SEA, FACT WHICH AMMAN RADIO SUBSEQUENTLY
ADMITTED LAST NIGHT. FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES CAIRO PRESS.

2. HAGGAG IS EGYPTIAN MISFIT WHOSE OWN BROTHER PUBLICLY
LABELED HIM AS MENTALLY UNBALANCED IN 1952 AND WHOSE MOTHER
PUBLICLY DISOWNED HIM ON HEARING OF THIS LATEST SCRAPE. HE
FAILED SECONDARY SCHOOL EXAMS AND BRIEFLY ATTENDED AMERICAN
UNIVERSITY IN CAIRO. HE HAS BACKGROUND MARITAL TROUBLES,
INVOLVEMENT SEVERAL CASES OF SWINDLING AND MISAPPROPRIATION
OF PROPERTY (IN 1957, 1959, 1961), AND ALLEGED PREVIOUS
EMPLOYMENT BY CIA. HE WAS NEVER EMPLOYED BY UARG.

3. IN 1952 HAGGAG (A) THREATENED KILL HIS DIVORCED
BRITISH WIFE'S SECOND HUSBAND, FOR WHICH HE SPENT MONTH IN
BRISTOL JAIL; (B) THREATENED KILL BRITISH CONSUL GENERAL IN
CAIRO; (C) THREATENED SUE BRITISH CONSULATE FOR 30,000 POUNDS

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FOR FALSE ARREST IN BRISTOL. HE WORKED FOR AIRLINES AND TRAVEL COMPANIES BEFORE 1952, AFTERWARDS FOR AUTO COMPANIES. IN 1956 HE OPENED AUTO REPAIR SHOP WHICH FAILED. IN 1958 HE MARRIED ITALIAN WOMAN.

4. ON MARCH 18, 1961, HE MOVED TO ITALY AND WAS LATER JOINED BY HIS WIFE. SHE LEFT HIM, SUED HIM, AND REVEALED IN COURT

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THAT HE WAS EMPLOYED BY CIA. HE WAS DEPORTED FROM ROME ON FEB 23, 1962, AND REPATRIATED AT UAR EXPENSE AS DESTITUTE PERSON. HE LEFT EGYPT ILLEGALLY IN 1962 AND WAS ARRESTED JUNE 1, 1962, WHILE RETURNING FROM LIBYA. HE WAS ARRESTED OCT 2, 1962 FOR "SUSPICIOUS CONTACTS WITH FOREIGN QUARTERS" AND REMAINED IN PRISON UNTIL APRIL 4, 1964 AMNESTY. HE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY FAILURE AS RESTAURANT AND NIGHTCLUB MANAGER. IN NOV 1966 HE APPLIED FOR PASSPORT BUT WAS REFUSED.

5. HAGGAG WAS ALLEGEDLY EMPLOYED BY CIA WHILE IN ITALY IN 1961. ONE EMILIO (LNU), RELATIVE OF HAGGAG'S WIFE, INTRODUCED HIM TO AN AMERICAN MILITARY ATTACHE IN ROME. EMILIO ALSO INTRODUCED HIM TO ISRAELI MILITARY ATTACHE NAMED ARAM PETER, WHO ASKED HIM WORK FOR ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE AND GAVE HAGGAG 10,000 LIRA (ABOUT \$16). WITH AMERICANS, HAGGAG FILLED OUT APPLICATION FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM IN US. CIA TOOK HIS PICTURE, GAVE HIM LIE DETECTOR TEST, AND GAVE HIM CODE NAME E-80. CIA ASKED HIM RECRUIT EGYPTIAN AIRFORCE OFFICERS. CIA ALLEGEDLY GAVE HIM FIVE PAYMENTS TOTTALLING 625,000 LIRAS PLUS \$150 (GRAND TOTAL ABOUT

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\$1,175). CIA TOLD HIM IT WAS PLOTTING COUP IN UAR (WHICH THEN INCLUDED BOTH EGYPT AND SYRIA), AND IF THIS SUCCEEDED WITH HELP OF PERSONS RECRUITED BY GAGGAG, CIA WOULD GIVE HIM 2 MILLION LIRA BONUS. AFTER HIS WIFE "REVEALED" HIS EMPLOYMENT BY CIA, HAGGAG TOLD UAR CONSULATE HE HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY AMERICAN AND ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE. HAGGAG SAID CIA ASKED HIM VISIT CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND RUSSIA TO

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RECEIVE DOCUMENTS AND PICTURES FROM AGENTS THERE. HE SAID HE REFUSED AND CIA THREATENED HIS LIFE FOR REFUSING. PRESUMABLY ENTIRE FOREGOING TALE RE CIA WAS TOLD TO UAR AUTHORITIES BY HAGGAG, BUT PRESS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR AS TO SOURCE.

6. IN CONNECTION HIS ILLEGAL VISIT TO LIBYA, HAGGAG AT FIRST CLAIMED HE WAS KIDNAPPED, TAKEN TO LIBYA, AND INTERROGATED BY BRITISH INTELLIGENCE AGENTS. HE LATER CONFESSED THAT HE WENT TO LIBYA TO ESCAPE FROM EGYPT; HIS MOTIVE IN RETURNING WAS NOT GIVEN.

7. COMMENT: WE PRESUME HAGGAG TOLD JORDANIANS HE WAS INTELLIGENCE COLONEL. NEVERTHELESS JORDANIANS SEEM TO HAVE HANDLED INCIDENT IN MANNER BEST CALCULATED BE OFFENSIVE

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TO EGYPTIANS. AS USUAL, WE ARE GETTING THE FALLOUT IN FORM
ALLEGATIONS HAGGAG WORKED FOR CIA. BATTLE
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